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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement mailed on October 12, 2006, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-15) for examination, without traverse. This election is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions. A prompt and favorable action on the merits of this application is now respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. If, however, the Commissioner considers that a fee is due in connection with this response, authorization is made to charge any fee which may be required to Deposit Account No. 502447.

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